

TOWN OF LYNDON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
April 16, 2018
5:30 PM

Selectboard

Christian Thompson
Dan Daley

Press

Todd Wellington

Public

Justin Smith, Steve Gray
Paul Tomasi, Larry Willey,
Susan Hanus, David Dwyer,
Barb Irwin, John Irwin,
Kathleen Walsh, Kathy Dwyer
Bill Fallon, Joan Fallon

1. Adjustments to the Agenda:
Add second Wastewater Abatement
2. Approval of minutes:
Approval of the minutes postponed until the next meeting.
3. Approval & Signing of Orders drawn on the Treasurer:
The Board approved and signed the orders drawn on the Treasurer for weeks 15-16.
4. Rural Edge Warrant #23
Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve and sign the Rural Edge Warrant #19. Motion carried 2-0.
5. Rural Edge Warrant #24:
Motion made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Dan Daley, to approve and sign the Rural Edge Warrant #24 which allows the Town of Lyndon to recover its single audit costs specifically associated with the Rural Edge Grant from VCDP for the Darling Inn.
6. Planning Commission Member Interview:
Susan Hanus came before the Selectboard to interview for an opening on the Planning Commission. She indicated she was interested in serving on the Planning Commission. She currently owns 10 acres in Lyndon, and a business -The Stepping Stones Inn. Ms. Hanus resides in East Burke, VT. Ms. Hanus gave a background of her work history and education, she worked as a manager in mergers & acquisition at a NYC bank, and a strategic consultant specializing in valuation and also mergers/break-ups and private equity valuation. She has an MBA from Wharton, University of PA, an MA in Photography from Syracuse, and both a BFA, and BA from Albany State. She grew up outside New York City, and since then has lived in DC, Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, the suburbs of Boston, and now here. She has four kids 16 to 20 years old. In each place she has lived she has served in the communities in some capacity or another. Her interest in serving on the Planning Commission would be from a business related perspective; looking at what we currently have and finding other businesses which would fit well, with what we currently offer from both a commercial and aesthetic standpoint. Of particular interest, would be businesses which can feed off of Kingdom Trails and finding business opportunities with intrinsic value, which help grow the tax base, while also providing job opportunities and start-up opportunities for the next generation of business owners and tax payers. The Selectboard thanked Ms. Hanus for coming in and they said they would let her know in the near future of their decision. A question arose from the audience as to whether or not a potential Planning Commission

member needed to be a resident of Lyndon. Under Statute a certain percentage of your Planning Commission Members may reside in other towns.

7. Bulky Week Items List:

Paul Tomasi was present to discuss with the Selectboard what they would like to see included as Bulky Week items and what they would like to have the Waste District turn away. Chris Thompson mentioned that there were several items on the flyer which needed clarification. Mr. Smith explained that the flyer was produced by the Town of Lyndon so it would be our responsibility to make those adjustments. Mr. Thompson noted that he was aware that in Brighton they do not allow concrete, bricks, and dirt which are all heavy items that inflate the bill. It was noted by the Board that perhaps more items needed to be added which are not allowed. Paul Tomasi agreed and suggested household waste and clothes, which can be disposed of curbside on a weekly basis were not truly “bulky week” items. Mr. Tomasi mentioned that the flyer says fiberglass, which is pretty vague. His thought was that that referred to a shower stall, but not necessarily pink insulation. The Board agreed it needed to be clarified and opted to allow both. Both sides agreed that there were going to be gray areas no matter how hard they tried. An example was toys: certain size toys can go in the garbage while other toys or jumbo stuffed animals truly do meet the standard of a bulky item. Mr. Smith stated he would make the adjustments to the flyer. It was agreed that in addition to the flyer the best advice to give people would be for the users of the event to state up front what their intentions are. If they are going to bring shingles in contractor bags it would be best practice to explain that when making the appointment to avoid issues on drop-off day.

8. Excess Weight Permit:

Dan Daley made a motion to approve three excess weight fleet permits with the Municipal Administrator to sign the permits. Christian Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 2-0. The three fleet permits were for Barrett Trucking, Inc., Kelley-View Farm, Inc., and Structures RBR, Inc.

Dan Daley made a motion to approve one excess weight single permit with the Municipal Administrator to sign the permit. Christian Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 2-0. The lone single excess weight permit was for Arnold Withers/A. Withers Trucking.

9. Mobile Home Park Permits: Dan Daley made a motion to approve three mobile home park licenses. Christian Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 2-0. The three mobile home park licenses were for the three locations owned and operated by Northern Vermont Rentals, LLC.

10. Wastewater Abatements: Diane Mathews submitted a request to have her and her husband’s wastewater bill abated due to a broken pipe at their Main Street location. The water usage at the location has been zero for several quarters as the rental building has been vacant while undergoing renovations. The Public Works Supervisor is in agreement that the pipe broke under the sink after freezing and none of the water was processed by the wastewater facility. Dan Daley made a motion to abate \$2,161.86 for the gallons of water that did not go the wastewater facility. Chris Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 2-0.

Vickie Garfield submitted a letter to the Selectboard asking for an abatement of a portion her waste water bill. The outdoor faucet head broke off and the water ran for a half day before the problem was found. Ms. Garfield’s wastewater bill was very consistently 21, 22, 23 thousand gallons for 8 quarters. The wastewater bill for the current quarter was 30,000 gallons. Dan Daley made a motion to abate 8,000 gallons (\$63.12) from Ms. Garfield’s wastewater bill. Chris Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 2-0.

11. Road Name Request: Susan Hanus submitted a request to create a private road named Violet’s Way. Mr. Smith pointed out that 911 requires drives with three sites on them to have their own road name.

Kathleen Walsh pointed out that the sub-division process has not yet been completed by the Development Review Board. With this piece of information, Dan Daley made a motion to postpone the decision on the private drive name until April 30th after a decision is reached by the Development Review Board. Chris Thompson seconded, and the motion carried 2-0.

12. Special Appropriations Policy for 2019 Budget Year: Dan Daley made a motion to set the special appropriations policy as follows: Any organization that made a Special Appropriations request and submitted a petition signed by 5% of the voters for 2018, who is not increasing their request in 2019 may submit a letter of request for 2019 with no petition being required. Any new organization seeking an increase, or organization whose appropriation was added off the floor at Town meeting must submit a letter of request along with a petition signed by 5% of the legal voters of the Town of Lyndon.

In the letter of request all organizations shall include the following pertinent information in order to be considered. Where does the money from Lyndon's special appropriation go? What portion of your organization's total budget comes from Lyndon's Special Appropriation? Of all your Organization's requests for special appropriations what percentage comes from the Town of Lyndon?

13. Fire Department Budget Request: Justin Smith explained that new Fire Chief Jeff Corrow had approached him about the ability to budget 100 hours annually at \$15.00/hour to pay the volunteer firefighters for working above and beyond the normal expectations of the job. Mr. Smith explained that Jeff Corrow provided as an example that a couple of the Volunteers put in about 8 hours installing equipment hooks at the fire station and on the trucks for their recently purchased air packs. This job went beyond the one hour meeting commitment each week and he felt that they should be compensated for their extra efforts as it would have cost the Department much more if the work were contracted out. Chris Thompson asked how this would get paid for. Mr. Smith said it would come off the payroll line in the fire department budget. Dan Daley and Chris Thompson agreed that they would like to hear more details on how this might work, and what sorts of projects might receive payment. Mr. Smith stated he would schedule Chief Corrow to come before the Board in the near future.
14. Roadside Mowing: Justin Smith presented the Board with a copy of the request for proposals that is sent out to the area mowing companies. Mr. Smith noted that a couple of concerns were brought to his attention that he wanted to discuss with the Board. Currently, the spec calls for two ground passes but does not state a distance which is to be mowed. It was suggested that it say 10 feet or to the edge of the right of way where possible. Due to different size mowing decks two passes are not created equal. Secondly, there was a concern that there were no specifics on the brush cut pass or passes. After discussion, the Board felt cutting the brush back to the edge of the road to a height of 15' seemed like a good starting point.
15. Annual Financial Plan Certification: Every year the Town must certify that it is spending at least \$300.00 per highway mile in order to receive funding from the State for Class 1, 2, 3 highways. Justin Smith assured the board that the Town spends well in excess of \$300.00 per highway mile and recommended the Selectboard sign the annual financial plan which certifies that the Town spends more than \$300.00 per mile on its roads.
16. Other:
- a. Mr. Smith presented the Board with a thank you letter from Caledonia Home Health & Hospice thanking the Board for the \$10,000 special appropriation.
 - b. Residents of Darling Hill spoke about their desire to have the Selectboard put a moratorium on building on Darling Hill. The Board stated that the planning and the development review process needed to play themselves out and have an opportunity to reach completion as intended by Statute. Chris Thompson pointed out there was a grant in place that would allow the Planning

Commission to evaluate changes to the Zoning By-laws. Dan Daley stated he appreciated the comments, but at this stage this was not a Selectboard issues and it needed to be handled at the planning and development review board level, with environmental court to follow if an appeal was desired.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Minutes taken by Justin Smith

Approved with amendments by the Selectboard: 4/30/18